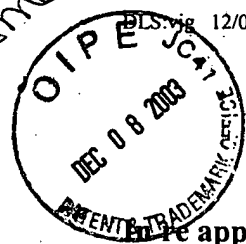


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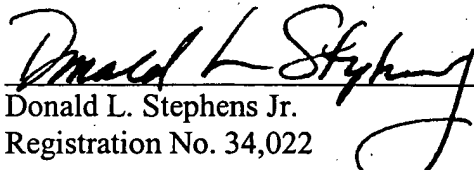
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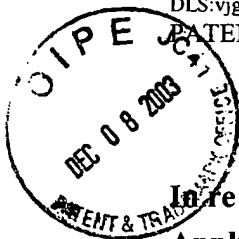
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This paper is submitted in reply to the Office action, dated September 8, 2003. Please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

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**Remarks** begin on page 10.